

# THE Caledonian

No. 9118. EDINBURGH,

## THEATRE ROYAL.

By Particular Desire.

On MONDAY Evening, Feb. 14, will be presented, The

## SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

Sir Peter Teazle, Mr WILKINSON;  
Joseph Surface, Mr WOODS;  
Moses, Mr BAILEY;  
And Charles Surface, Mr CAUTHERLEY;  
Mrs Candour, Mrs HITCHCOCK;  
And Lady Teazle, Mrs SMITH.

End of the Play, a New Dutch Dance, called, The

## BURGOMASTERS,

By Mr ALDRIDGE,

And Master WHITTOE.

To which will be added, (fourth time), with Alterations,

## HARLEQUIN FORTUNATUS.

With New Scenery, Machinery, Decorations, &c.

Particularly a new SALOON—FARMER'S YARD—FARMER'S

HOUSE—LAUNDRY SCENE—FARMER'S KITCHEN—DOME

SCENE—View of YORK MINSTER;

And to conclude with a new PERSPECTIVE VIEW.

Harlequin, Mr CHALMERS;  
Damon, with Songs, Mr WOOD;

And the Clown, Mr BAILEY.

Diana, (with a Hunting Song) Mrs HITCHCOCK;

And Columbine, Miss MILLS.

## DANCING.

M R MCLEAN takes this method of informing his Friends and the Public, That, instead of giving over teaching last Whitsunday, as has been industriously reported, he only declined a Public School, in the view of benefiting his health, by teaching in private—Being now in a situation to do justice to those who are pleased to favour him with the charge of their children, he proposes opening a PUBLIC SCHOOL, in Craig's Close, on Monday the 14th current.

## APPLES and PEARS.

JUST arrived at Leith, in good order, a Cargo of good baking and eating APPLES, and a parcel of fine PEARS; to be sold at Mr Cheap's lofts, south end of Quality-street, Leith, at moderate prices.

## A SALE of CHINA WARE,

At and below Cost, at Mrs ANDERSON's, Strichen's close, Edinburgh, For Ready Money only, To be paid at the time of purchase, and removed at the purchaser's charges.

THE Quality of the goods, and integrity of the Dealer, are too well known to require any addition of words.—The quantity is still very large, and the variety great, and all must be sold.

## Edinburgh Friendly Insurance Office,

Back Stairs, Parliament-close.

THE Society of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance, considering that the insuring from Losses by Fire tends to the public utility; and finding that they are possessed of a stock sufficient to enable them to make the benefit of their insurance more extensive, continue to insure houses and other buildings, household furniture, goods, &c. anywhere through Scotland, from loss and damage by fire, agreeable to the tenor of their printed proposals, copies of which may be had at the office gratis.

### The Table of Annual Premiums to be paid for Insurances.

Sum insured.	Common Insur. per annum.	Hazard. Insur. per annum.	Double Haz. Insur. per annum.
Any sum not exceeding 100l.	2s.	3s.	5s.
From 100l. to 1000l.	2s. per cent.	3s. per cent.	5s. per cent.
Above 1000l. to 2000l.	2s. 6d. per cent.	4s. per cent.	7s. 6d. per cent.
Above 2000l. to 3000l.	2s. 6d. per cent.	5s. per cent.	

N. B. The ANNUAL PREMIUMS due upon Insurances in this Office, at this present term of Caledonias, are defied to be paid up immediately, as by neglecting the payment fifteen days after the term-day, the benefit of such Policies expire.

Persons insured will please, therefore, call at the Office, and pay the same; where receipts are granted for old premiums, and policies issued for new insurances.

### INTIMATION to CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of the deceased ALEXANDER GRAY, writer to the signet, are hereby defied to lodge notes of their claims with Alexander Gray, his son, or Benjamin Moodie writer in Edinburgh, who has power to receive and discharge any debts owing to the deceased.

## FOR SALE AT DYSART,

A NEW SHIP, burden 150 tons carpenters measure; also, a small Vessel, burden about 60 tons.

Apply to Alexander Bruce ship-builder, Dysart.

N. B. The above vessels are ready to launch.

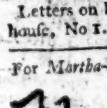


At LONDON for LEITH,  
The KING GEORGE,

JAMES BOYD, Master,

For WILLIAM MARSHALL, is now loading at Hawley's Wharf, above the Hermitage Bridge, and will sail with the first convoy, to be depended on.

Letters on business, directed to the Master, at the Edinburgh Coffee-house, No. 1, Swinney's Alley, will be properly attended to.



For Martha-Isle, Montego-Bay, Lucea, and Green Island, JAMAICA

THE SHIP HOPE, — Master, mounting 14 carriage guns,

AND,

For Port-morant, Kingston, and Old Harbour, (to touch at any of the Windward Islands if encouraging freight offers.)

The FRIENDSHIP, JAMES CAMPBELL Master, carrying 16 gms, 18 and 9 pounds. Both vessels are now lying in the harbour of Greenock, ready to take goods on board, and will sail about the 20th of February next. They have excellent accommodation for passengers.

For freight or passage apply to Campbells and Thomson, Greenock; Allan and Stewart, Edinburgh; or Dugald Thomson, Glasgow.

## For QUEBEC.

The Brigantine FRIENDS, James Sinclair master, burden 250 tons, mounted with 10 carriage guns, swivels, and small arms; sails fast, and will be well manned; now ready to take on board goods at Port Glasgow, and will positively sail by the 25th March.

For freight or passage, apply to Robert Rainey, Glasgow, or Crawford, Stevenson, and Co. Port Glasgow.



# Mercury.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1780.

## PREMIUMS at the LINEN HALL.

Trustees Office, Edinburgh, 26th Jan. 1780.

THE Judges appointed by the Commissioners and Trustees for Fisheries, Manufactures, and Improvements in Scotland, for determining the Premiums on sundry articles lodged last year at the Linen Hall, having met, and carefully examined the different goods, and determined the preferences, they made their report to a Committee of the Trustees, and in their prudence opened the sealed notes put up with the different parcels, when the following persons were found entitled to the premiums, viz.

Art. Premium.

1. For the best ten pieces yard wide linen, L. 20 0 0

Francis Blair linen manufacturer in Edinburgh.

2. For the best 12 pieces 2/3 wide linen, 20 0 0

William Pattison manufacturer in Kinross.

3. For the second best 12 pieces 2/3 wide linen, L. 10 0 0

No premium gained.

4. For the best 12 pieces long lawn, 20 0 0

Neil Macfarlan and Co. manufacturers in Edinburgh.

5. For the best 9 pieces cambric, 20 0 0

John Drummond weaver in Picardy.

6. For the best three suits of damask table-linen, 20 0 0

Ebenezer Gardner manufacturer in Edinburgh.

7. For the best three suits of diaper linen, 10 0 0

John St George weaver in Ormiston.

8. For the best 6 pieces of chequered linen for seamen's shirting, 10 0 0

John Fergus and Son manufacturers in Kircaldy, and Robert Prat weaver there, equally between them, the judges finding no preference.

9. For the best 6 pieces of 7-4ths wide superfine woollen cloth, 20 0 0

Robert Miller manager of the woollen manufacture at Minto.

10. For the best 6 pieces yard wide hunters cloth, 20 0 0

William Purcell clothier in Dalkeith.

11. For the best dozen of 10-4ths wide blankets, after the English manner, 10 0 0

Wilson, Gregory, and Co. manufacturers in Kilmarnock, and Thomas Cunningham clothier at Fountainbridge, equally between them, the judges finding no preference.

12. For the best 6 pieces of shalmons, 10 0 0

John Read weaver in Stirling.

13. For the best dozen of fine hats, 10 0 0

William Miller hatter in Edinburgh, and George Hilltop hatter in Dalkeith, equally between them, the judges finding no preference.

14. For the best dozen of hats, made entirely from materials of the produce of Scotland, 10 0 0

John Buchanan hatter in Glasgow.

15. For the best 6 pieces of Scots carrets, 10 0 0

William Robertson and Co. manufacturers at Hawick.

16. For the best 6 pieces yard wide fine flannel, 10 0 0

George Mercer clothier in Galashiels.

17. For the best 6 pieces of flocking cloth, for clothes, waistcoats, or breeches, different colours, 10 0 0

Thomas Jolly hatter in Montrose.

18. For the best 12 pieces printed linen or cotton cloth, for furniture or garments, 10 0 0

No premium gained.

19. For the best 12 pieces printed handkerchiefs, 20 0 0

Macalpin, Fleming, and Co. calico-printers at Glasgow.

20. For the best drawing of any machine used in manufacture, L. 10 0 0

No Premium gained.

21. For the best pattern, upon design paper, for damask table-linen, 10 0 0

John Bain drawing-master in Edinburgh.

Total gained, L. 290 0 0

These premiums will be paid at this office, upon presenting the gainers receipts, together with an affidavit from each of them, before a justice of the peace, or magistrate, that the goods with which he competed are Scots manufacture, and made by himself, or for his account, in terms of the Board's advertisement.

By order of the Board, ROBR ARBUTHNOT, Secretary.

## SALE of OAK WOOD.

To be SOLD by public roup on Friday the 7th April next, in the house of Henry Oat innkeeper in Dryne.

THE full grown OAK WOODS, belonging to the Earl of Moray, on his lands of Bridge of Turk, Blairgarie, Cullentogle, and Backland, in the parish of Callander in Monteith, and the Wood of Down. The bark can be easily conveyed to Manor Newk, a little below Stirling Bridge, as there are very good roads from all the woods to the place of shipping; and the woods may be seen any time before the day of sale. The tenant of Blairgarie will show these in the parish of Callander; and Allan Stuart, ground-officer at Doune, the wood of Doune. If any persons incline to make a private bargain before the day of roup, they may give in their proposals to Mr Forrest of Dearstoun at Doune, or Mr Maule at Dounebristle, who are authorised to finish the sale.

## HOUSES to LET in Canongate,

To be LET, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THAT large and elegant DWELLING HOUSE, lying on the south side of the Canongate, a little below the church, presently possessed by Mr Johnston of Hilton. It consists of a sunk story and three other stories, besides garrets, and contains a very large drawing-room and dining-room, eight bed-chambers, besides an excellent kitchen, closets, and other conveniences, and is in very good repair.

Also, THE HOUSE on the north side of the Canongate, nearly opposite to Mr Johnston's, possessed by Mr Colquhoun, consisting of two stories and garrets. It contains dining-room, drawing-room, and three bed-chambers, kitchen, closets, and other conveniences.

Also, THE TOP STOREY and GARRETS of that tenement of land immediately below Mr Johnston's.

For particulars apply to William Ramsay clerk to the signet.

TO be SOLD, by Adjournment, by authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh upon Tuesday the 22d day of February 1780, between the hours of four and five o'clock in the afternoon,

THE LANDS of PROVANHALL, or Hall Mail-

ling of Provan, including the Mansion-house of Provan, lying within the Barony parish of Glasgow, and burghdom of Lathark.

The five proven rent of these lands, after deducting 31. 17 s. 8-12ths of feu-duty, and 11. 4 s. 8 d. of valued land, is 681. 13. 3d. 4-12ths.

Ard they will be set up to sale at the price now affixed theron by the Lords, being 1000. sterling. The valued rent, in respect of which the lands pay public burdens, is 42 l. 7s. 6 d. Scots.

There is no stipend or school salary payable by the common debtor, these articles being payable by the town of Glasgow, who are tacksmen of the teinds from the Exchequer. The lands hold feu of a subject, have plenty of coal on them, and are very pleasantly situated within three miles of the city of Glasgow; and as they lie along the banks of the Monkland Canal, the working of the coal may turn out to be very beneficial.

The title-deeds and articles of roup will be seen in the hands of Mr George Kirkpatrick, one of the depute clerks of Session; and copies of the articles in the hands of William Wilson writer to the

From the London Gazette, February 8.

2d War Office, Feb. 8. 1780.

2d Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Robert Gordon, Gent. is appointed to be Cornet, vice — Southby.

15th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Jeremiah Smith, Clerk, to be Chaplain, vice Joseph Fearon.

1st Regiment of Foot Guards, Ensign Thomas Gordon to be Lieutenant, vice John Scawen.

16th Regiment of Foot, George Spens, Gent, to be Ensign in one of the additional companies, vice Francis Croft.

40th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant George Craigie to be Captain in one of the additional companies, vice Brevet Major James Duff. Ensign John Cater to be Lieutenant, vice George Craigie.

65th Regiment of Foot, Ensign John Vassell to be Lieutenant, vice John Oliver.

86th Regiment of Foot, Samuel Ellis, Gent. to be Lieutenant.

87th Regiment of Foot, Volunteer — Ottley, of 86th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Hon. John Waldegrave.

Northern regiment of Fencible Men, Captain Lieutenant John Grant to be Captain, vice John Campbell. Lieutenant Thomas Russell to be Captain Lieutenant, vice John Grant. Ensign William Gordon to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Russell. Francis Stewart, Gent. to be Ensign, vice William Gordon. Ensign James Grant to be Lieutenant, vice Andrew Mowatt. Alexander Tod, Gent. to be Ensign, vice James Grant.

Captain Alexander Baillie, Fort Major of Fort George, to be Major in the army.

From the London Papers, Feb. 8.

#### L O N D O N .

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Monday, Feb. 7.

This day, in the House of Commons, Sir Richard Worke, Mr. Fuller, and Lord Beauchamp took the oaths, and their seats in the House: Sir Richard carried a white wand, the emblem of his employment.

Sir George Saville gave notice, that he would, to-morrow, present the Yorkshire petition to the House.

Sir Philip Jenning's Clerk was apprehensive, that there were many gentlemen who, not having attended in the House for some days, were unapprised of his intention to move on Wednesday next for leave to bring in a bill to disqualify contractors from sitting in Parliament. The bill he held to be of the utmost importance to the nation; he, therefore, wished to have the subject discussed in a full House: For that purpose, and that gentlemen might not be unprepared, he begged leave to inform them, that, instead of making his motion on Wednesday next, he would postpone it to Monday the 14th instant.

The order of the day having been read, which was for calling over the defaulters, who had been absent when the House was called over;

Mr Wilkes moved, that the order be discharged, and another made, for the same purpose, for Thursday evening. This was agreed to.

A petition, praying an encouragement for raising oats, having been presented to the House;

Sir George George concurred, very much with the petitioners. He was sorry, that the system of agriculture, which had formerly been laid down in this country, had, of late, been overturned; it was formerly the custom to encourage the exportation of corn; of late years, he believed, we had so far changed our opinions, that we lived mostly by importation. New regulations he thought necessary; and, in order to be the better able to form a better judgment on the subject, he moved, "That an account be laid before the House of all the corn imported into this kingdom for these three years past, distinguishing the different sorts of grain, the year, and the ports at which the corn was landed." — ed.

On the motion of Sir Philip J. Clerk, the motion was extended to seven years. A vast number of petitions of a private nature were brought in, this being the last day, but one, for receiving such petitions.

Mr Powis moved, that the House should resolve itself into a committee on the election bill. This motion was followed by a short conversation, in which all the speakers agreed that some new regulations at county elections were absolutely necessary, though they could not easily agree in those measures that ought to be adopted.

Mr Pulney observed, that by the act of the 20th of Queen Anne, no freeholder, who was not rated in the land-tax for a freehold of forty shillings, could vote at a county election. By an act of the 18th of George the II. to be rated as a forty shilling freeholder, had ceased to be necessary; and to be assessed at all to the land-tax, though it should be to the hundredth part of a farthing, was deemed sufficient, provided the voter were in possession of a forty shilling freehold. One of these two laws he thought ought to be repealed; as inconsistent with the other; the latter afforded greater opportunities of abuse than the former; lesser freeholds were often assessed in a lump with large estates; and not unfrequently the freeholders found it a difficult matter to get their names set down in the assessment list.

Mr Burrow thought that a clause might be inserted in the bill to compel the proper officers in the counties to register the names of all those who are assessed to the land-tax. He told the House, that, having made it his business to see that all the freeholders in a particular parish were registered, he was not a little surprised to see his own name set down in large letters in an assessment for an estate that he had sold full twenty years before. This certainly was an impropriety: but, as it was a weighty matter to make such regulations as could effectually prevent abuses, he had rather see another general election pass over than that hasty measures should be adopted in a hurry that requires the most mature deliberation. The question was then put for the Speaker's leaving the Chair, which was carried without a division. The House then went into a Committee, Mr Elwes in the Chair; and various amendments and alterations were made in the bill, after which the House adjourned.

#### INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S.

The James and Thomas, Benn, from Dublin to London, and the Campden, Wright, from Liverpool, are taken by the Black Prince privateer. The former is carried into Morlaix, and the latter into Verez, nine leagues from diro.

The Lilly, Drummond, from New York, to Oporto, and the Columbia, —, from ditto to Fayal, are both taken.

The Lady Betty, Nevan, from Wemps, to Holland, was taken the 13th ult. near Zealand, by the Seaflower privateer of Dunkirk, and carried into that port. The 15th, they refused to ransom, the wind being fair.

Captain Reeve, of his Majesty's ship Surprise, on the 23d ult. fell in with, and took off the Dioding, after a short engagement, the Du Quay, Trouin, a French privateer, of 20 nine-pounders, and 130 men, belonging to Havre de Grace. A brig in company, during the action, got off.

The Philo, Martin, from Illesbo, for Waterford, is lost at Castlehaven in Ireland.

The Biflon, Deschazeaux, and Farges, Magny, are coming home under convoy from the Isles of France.

The Sartina, Captain Dalle, is coming from Pondicherry to l'Orient, as a cartel-ship, with the Governor and Officers.

The Triton, Capt. Boyers, and Prevost, Oury, have been sold at the Isles of France, and are not come to Europe.

The following ships are fitting for foreign service: it is said for the West Indies, under the command of Capt. Waltham, viz.

Thunderer, 74; Royal Oak, 74; Triumph, 74; Berwick, 74; Ramillies, 74; Ambuscade, 22; Hulks, 28 guns.

The Knott's Green Sloop for Madeira was landed.

Portsmouth, Feb. 7. The Alexander and Couragieux, of 74 guns each, are appointed to convoy the outward-bound East-Indian part of their way.

The Alert, Sainan, and the Antigallion, of Liverpool, being in sight, on the 16th ult. took the Diana, Caffles, from Philadelphia to Bordeaux, with 134 hds. and 24 pieces of tobacco, with other goods, and sent her into Castlehaven, where she is arrived.

The Joseph and Betsey Hall, from Edinburgh for Cork, on the 20th ult. in company with many others, under command of two men of war, in a violent storm, was driven on shore near the coast of Cornwall; the ship and cargo lost: One of the men of war sprung a leak, and put into Falmouth. Also a brig, belonging to Plymouth, is lost at Scilly, and great damage done along the coast.

The Catharine, Caudleugh, from New York, is lost in Castlehaven in Ireland.

The Brig Endeavour, Thomas Hyden, master, from London to Plymouth, with provisions, is on shore at Yarmouth Fats, just above the Nore, full of water.

The Success, Monteith, from Fafal to Quebec, put into St John's Newfoundland, and will stay there.

Yester day, John Henderson, Esq; took his seat in the House of Commons, as member for the shire of Fife. The case of this young gentleman is somewhat singular; for, at the last contest for this county, he lost his election, although he had a majority of votes, and now he has carried it, although there were a considerable majority against him. Mr Charles Townfend observed, that he was happy to see so much virtue in the Committee, as to turn out a member on account of the sinecure posts enjoyed by him.

Little credit is given to the report that the Lord Chancellor is to resign. It is said, however, that he is much dissatisfied with Ministry; and that a good deal will depend on the part he takes to-morrow in the debate for abolishing sinecure posts and pensions.

Lord Mansfield will pronounce sentence on Mess. Stratton, Brook, &c. on Thursday next. From some hints which dropt from his Lordship, in the course of the pleadings of the lawyers, he rather seemed to be favourable to the defendants. However, he will certainly fine them in a considerable sum, and probably may imprison them for several weeks; but it is not imagined that he will pronounce any disqualification against them, which was strongly insisted for by the Attorney-General.

Two new regiments are immediately to be raised. Mr F—l—n of F. is to be Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the first, and Major H—n M'K. of the second. Captain C—th—t is to be Major to Mr F—. None of the other officers are yet named. As Mr F. never was in the army, his appointment will probably give great offence to all the old officers.

A report prevails here, which is generally believed, and has this sanction, that it has not been contradicted at Mons. Simonin's the Russian Ambassador; that a treaty has actually been concluded between our Court and that of Petersburgh, by which the Empress has bound herself to have in readiness for our service, twenty-eight sail of the line, and eighteen thousand men. This news, if true, is of the utmost consequence to Great Britain: So strong an alliance will enable us to maintain the dominion of the Channel; to acquire and support a superiority in the West Indies, and to counteract and defeat, in every corner of the globe, the formidable confederacy of the House of Bourbon.

The armaments carrying on in Denmark afford us the greatest reason to rejoice. The Danish navy has almost always been superior to that of Sweden, through the numbers and hardiness of the seamen furnished by Norway. The Court of Copenhagen may not, perhaps, be cordially united with ours; but it must necessarily be friendly inclined towards us from policy. The rival of Denmark is Sweden. The former, from the superiority of its marine, makes the latter apprehensive of seeing the union of Calmar revived, by which union the Kings of Denmark obtained the dominion of Sweden. The Court of Stockholm, ever since it ceased to be subject to the Danes, has been firmly bound to France, by which the Swedes have supported their independence. The alliance with France is dangerous to Denmark liberty; Denmark consequently is obliged to ally herself with some power able to support her against the united force of France and Sweden. The power of Great Britain is the best calculated for that purpose; and, therefore, a political friendship naturally subsists between them: It is, therefore, pleasing to hear, that a very fine squadron is actually almost equipped at Copenhagen.

Captain Mackenzie late of the Ariel frigate, is arrived from Cadiz where he was landed by a French man of war. He took his passage from thence on board a Dutchman, on the 7th of last month. Off St Mary's on the coast of Portugal, the ship fell in with a Spanish fleet consisting of nineteen line of battle ships, under Don Lewis de Cordova: Captain Mackenzie was informed they were cruising to intercept Sir George Rodney, whose destination for Gibraltar they were well apprised of. On the 15th, he met with Sir George's squadron off the Rock of Lisbon, where he went on board the Admiral, and gave him the above intelligence. Sir George informed him he had dispatched the Hector, and two frigates, with the fleet for the West Indies; and the America with his prizes, for England. Sir George's fleet was nineteen of the line, including the Spanish 64 gun ship.

A letter, dated Feb. 3, at 2 o'clock P. M. from on board the Fairy sloop, in the Downs, says, "We are just got under way with the trade to Ostend and Flushing under our convoy. This morning intelligence was brought to the Admirals here, that two French frigates of 24 guns, and two privateers of 16 guns each, were riding in Dunkirk road, with a determined resolution to attack us; so that if they hold good their intent, there will be warm work by to-morrow at this time. Our force consists of the Fairy, Swallow, and Ostrich Juggles; Resolution, Sprightly, and three other small cutters."

On Saturday a messenger was sent from Lord Stormont's office, with dispatches for his Majesty's Ambassador at the Court of Berlin.

Fourteen sail of men of war, none of them, however, above 50 guns, have been built at Bristol and Liverpool in less than three years.

The building of one of the new men-of-war, a present from the East India Company to Government, is to be immediately commenced in Mess. Dudding's dock yard at Rotherhithe, from whence the new Indianman was launched yesterday: She is to be built on the model of the Courageux.

Two more ships of war are contracted for, to be built at Harwich; one of 64 guns, to be named the Greenwich; the other of 50, to be called the Harwich.

Extract of a letter from Brest, Jan. 13.

" By our last letters from Cadiz we are informed, that a squadron of eight men of war are sailed from that port on a secret expedition. The Phoenix of 80 guns, and the St Joachim of 76, struck as they went out, and could not be got off till the return of the tide, when they proceeded to join the above squadron."

#### E D I N B U R G H.

Extract of a letter from Whitehaven, Feb. 8.

" Sunday last arrived at Harrington (near this town) a small French vessel, called Le St Jean Baptiste, was cut out of Brest Water last Wednesday, by Capt. Joseph Benn (late of the Molly and Betty, of Whitehaven, who was taken by the Black Prince on the 26th of December last) assisted by four others. The Frenchmen (six in number) were brought here in the afternoon, escorted by Mr Jackson the constable of Harrington, and underwent an examination before the Magistrates, after being well refreshed with victuals, &c. for which they were prepared by a fast of two days, very little provisions being on board when Captain Benn took possession of her.

" The situation of the French Captain, whose name is Jean Charier, excited a good deal of compassion, being only just recovered from a fever, and this small vessel (between 40 and 50 tons burthen) his sole property, and all he possessed. Capt. Benn and his people, surprized them about midnight, three of them being in bed, and after some resistance, in making which the Captain was much wounded in the head, secured them and kept them confined about 24 hours. They were chased last Thursday several hours, off Scilly, by a French frigate, which fired two broadsides at them.

" Capt. Benn, in his examination upon oath before the magistrates, says, that when he left Brest there were upwards of seventy sail of men of war, frigates, and armed ships, French and Spaniards, ready to put to sea, and intended to sail the day after he left it, with a number of troops on board; several thousands he believes; and he is also of opinion that two thirds of the ships are ships of the line. Twenty Spanish ships of the line and four French of the line sailed from Brest about the 13th of January; there were no land forces on board, nor did he hear where they were bound. He saw the above 14 ships when on board the Black Prince, as he was going between L'Orient and Brest: the fleet then standing N. E.—There were five ships of the line upon the stocks at Brest, one of which was pierced for 140 guns, (he is very particular as to the number, having frequently counted the ports), and is named Le Royal Louis; when he saw her last, they were laying her upper decks.

" Captain Benn also says, that the Black Prince, and her consort the Black Prince, were to sail from Brest about two days after he left it. He was well acquainted with all the people, and says they were to proceed to the Land's End of England; (which they call turning the corner) and return to France, provided they carried their prizes home; but if they ran foul, then to proceed up St George's channel, and down the north channel, with a view of intercepting the packets, and also to take a revenue cutter belonging to Dublin, commanded by Mr Adams, which they are determined to have, if possible.

" The following questions were also put to the Frenchmen, viz.

" Q. Whether any fleet had lately sailed from Brest, where they were bound, and what forces on board? — Answer. Fourteen Spanish ships of the line and six frigates sailed about three weeks ago; no transports; do not know where bound, or by whom commanded.

" Q. Whether any fleet was near ready for sailing, what force they were of, what troops they had on board, and where bound? — Answer. Fifteen ships of the line, and sixteen frigates or armed ships, the latter of 24 guns, having upon an average 500 land forces on board each, and supposed for America, (pour l'Amérique, in which they include the West India Islands) would have sailed a week before they left Brest, but were detained by contrary winds.

" Q. Whether they had heard of any Spanish ships being retaken from the English; if any, how many, and where they were carried into? — Answer. No news of any such thing being taken had reached Brest when they left it.

" All the above intelligence was immediately forwarded to Lord Sandwich.

" Capt. Benn, in Le Jean Baptiste, came through the fleet in Brest water without being hailed, probably from no suspicion being entertained by the French of any attempt so very daring being made. Two of the men who had joined him in this desperate expedition spoke French, and when hailed by the forts, answered "for Nantes," by which means they passed unmolested."

Died at Coltness, on Thursday the 10th inst. in the 83d year of his age, Henry Barclay, Esq; of Culairne, Advocate.

On Tuesday last died at Barochan, Mrs Fleming of Barochan. It is intreated her friends and relations will accept of this as a proper notification of her death.

On the 20th ult. died at Strath, in Caithness, Donald Calder, Esq; of Strath. Same day, died also Elisabeth Sutherland, his spouse; the former aged 95, and the latter 86. They had lived together sixty years.

We are informed, that, on Thursday, a very spirited rebellion was dispatched by the Magistrates and Town Council of this city to London, craving that Government might not only appoint a proper land force to be encamped betwixt this and Dunbar, but also, that some ships of force may be stationed here, in order to frustrate the designs of our enemies, should they attempt any depredations upon our coast.

The preoccupation against the two fellows, supposed guilty of the foot-pad robbery near Bainfield, as formerly mentioned, is now concluded; and, it is said, they will be served with copies of their indictment on Monday or Tuesday next, in order to bring them to trial before the High Court of Justice for that crime. The gold watch, found in their lodgings, has been proved the property of a gentleman in Newcastle, who came here for the purpose of recovering it. He was robbed, in the neighbourhood of that town, some time last month.

This afternoon, Margaret Watson, alias Veitch, was committed to the tolbooth by warrant of the Sheriff, on suspicion of stealing a cloak and cap out of a house in Canongate.

On Wednesday night, about half past eleven, an apprentice to a barber was stopt by four fellows upon Leith Walk, who, finding no money upon him, took away his razors, and beat him severely. Several ill-looking fellows have lately been observed lurking about that place; and the above fact is mentioned to shew that there is a knot of villains frequently infesting this city and neighbourhood.

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### Extract of a letter from Dublin, Feb. 5.

"By a letter from Nantz, to a merchant of this city, dated the 14th of last month, we learn, that the privateers at that place, St Malo, Cherbourg, and Morlaix, had been all disarmed and laid up, in consequence of their whole crews being pressed for the king's service, and obliged to repair immediately to Brest, to man the fleet. The letter adds, that 6000 mariners had arrived at Brest from other ports since Christmas-day.

"Letters received here from Antigua, by the last packet, advise, that it was positively said there, the Grenadiers were retaken by a body of troops from St Kitt's. They also mention a violent hurricane having happened at Martinique, which had wrecked a French 74 gun ship and 40 merchant vessels, besides doing infinite mischief among the plantations."

### Extract of a letter from Glasgow, Feb. 10.

"Betwixt Saturday and Sunday last we had a very great fall of snow, with some appearance of thaw, which, however, did not take place thoroughly till Tuesday morning, when it began to rain, and continued for most part of the day. The river Clyde swelled considerably, and the ice broke about twelve o'clock that night, to the great relief of the small craft that navigate the river, a good number of which have been, for these eight weeks past, froze up at the Broomilaw. The ice, in general, was about twelve inches thick. We have not heard of any damage done by it on the Clyde; but two dams are broke on Cart, and the wooden breast of another is broke at Partick on Kelvin.

"No arms have been ordered by the magistrates of this city, as mentioned in the Edinburgh papers."

### Extract of a letter from Greenock, Feb. 6.

"This day arrived here from Dublin, the Argyle, David Campbell, master, who brings advice that the Black Prince privateer, with a cutter and a French frigate (off the coast of Ireland) had taken five British vessels, viz. three inward bound from Newfoundland, and two outward bound. — This may be depended on as a truth."

### Extract of a letter from Port-Glasgow, Feb. 9.

"The Magistrates and Town Council of this place, considering the distressed situation which several sailors widows and children residing here, are in, and the situation of sailors wives who have had their husbands long in his Majesty's service, without hearing any account from them for a long time; also of those who have been taken and confined prisoners by the enemy, unanimously agreed to distribute near 100 barrels of coals among those persons, giving one barrel to each family.

"This act of generosity is highly commended by the town in general, and ought to induce the Communities of other Towns more able to follow their example."

### Theatre-Royal, Feb. 12.

On Monday next, (by desire) THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL, with Harlequin Fortunatus. — On Wednesday will be a Play, honoured by the patronage of the GENTLEMEN SKATERS. — Saturday evening, a new Comic Opera of two acts, called THE TWO MISERS, written by Mr O'Hara, Author of Midas, the Golden Pippin, Poor-Vulcan, &c.; a piece replete with humour, variety, and comic incident, and repeatedly performed the four last seasons at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, with universal applause. — Mr Wilkinson's Night here, is fixed for Monday, February the 28th, when Mr Colman's new Comedy, called SEPARATE MAINTENANCE, with Mr Sheridan's celebrated new Farce, called, THE CRITIC, or, A TRAGEDY REHEARSED, will be acted, with Dancing, by Mr Aldridge.

### EDINBURGH DISPENSARY.

On Monday last, the 7th of February, at the Annual Meeting of the Contributors to the Dispensary, the following Gentlemen were elected Managers for the ensuing year:

The Honourable Henry Erskine, Esq; Advocate.

James Dewar, Esq; of Vogrie.

William Fullerton, Esq; of Carstairs.

Dr William Laing, Physician.

Mr Alexander Hamilton, Surgeon.

Mr Thomas Elder, merchant.

Mr Robert Scott, merchant.

Mr John Horner, merchant.

Mr Alexander Wallace, banker.

Mr James Cowan, watchmaker.

From the Registers of the practice at the Dispensary, which were submitted to the examination of the Contributors, it appeared, that, from the 1st of November 1778, to the 1st of November 1779, five hundred and five patients, whose cases were improper for hospital treatment, had been admitted to the benefits of this charity.

As the money now collected is reckoned to be nearly sufficient for erecting such a building as is requisite for the purposes of this charity, it was recommended to the Managers to begin it as soon as the season will permit, from the hopes that the generosity of the Public may enable them to complete it without delay.

Contributions are received by Mr Thomas Scott, writer to the signet, Secretary to the Dispensary; by Dr Andrew Duncan and Dr Charles Webster, Physicians; and at the shops of most of the Booksellers in Edinburgh.

The M U F F :  
Occasioned by reading several Paragraphs on an OFFICER's  
appearing in that ORNAMENT.

NATURE a different Soul designd  
We in each Sex shou'd trace;  
In Man the Strength and Courage join'd,  
In Woman, Love with Grace.

But prone to Change, the giddy Fair  
Forsook her modest Guide;  
And now assumes Man's lordly Air,  
His Drefs, and martial Stride! —

To give her Folly Scope enough,  
He risques a Share of Laughter,  
And gaily seizes Madam's Muff —  
In Hopes to draw her after.

### A C A M P A I G N E R.

Edinburgh Gazette.

### A BAIL at MUSSELBURGH,

At the Desire of the Magistrates and Town-council,  
For the Benefit of the POOR.

Will be held at the Assembly-room, on Monday the 21st February.  
Tickets to be had of Peter Scott, brewer, Fisher-row, price 2s. 6d.

### S. CECILIA'S HALL, Niddry's Wynd.

Mr SCHETKY'S CONCERT

Is fixed for TUESDAY the 28th of February next.

#### A C T I.

Overture—Mr Schetky. Song—Signora Corri. Concerto Corri.

#### A C T II.

Sonata on the Harpiford—Mr Clark. Song—Mr Wood.

#### A C T III.

Violoncello—Mr Schetky. Song, "My Lodging is," &c. Mrs Poppo.

#### A C T IV.

Concerto Violin—Sig. Poppo. Song, Signora Poppo.

#### O V E R T U R E.

Tickets to be had at the Music-shops, at Mr Spaniel's (late Mr Mercer's) opposite the Town-church, and at Mr Schetky's, head of Shoemakers close, Canongate. Price 3s. To begin at Seven o'clock.

### C U S T O M - H O U S E , G R E E F O C K

#### A R R I V E D

Ships.	Masters.	Leith.	Cargo.
Feb. 10.	Lord Frederick, Spence, John & William, Roberts, Speedwell, Gen. Dalling;	Conder, ditto, ditto, ditto, Jamaica;	goods, ditto, ditto, ditto, sugar.

Leith Shipping.

#### A R R I V E D

Ships.	Belgique 10.	Masters.	Leith.	Cargo.
Race Horse, Lovely Kat, Hobel & Dundee, Garland, Friendship,	Leith, Kinardine, Anstruther, Leith,	Sands, Thomson, Hutton, Haion, Dingwall,	Opary, Keon, Dundee, Methel, No-nells;	wine, whisky, grain, balast.

And a vessel with coals.

### P A N T H E O N :

Mary's Chapel, Feb. 10. 1780.

PURSUANT to adjournment, intimated from the Chair this evening, the Society will meet this day fortnight, at seven o'clock precisely, to resume the consideration of the question, OUGHT SCOTLAND to co-operate with the ENGLISH ASSOCIATIONS in preparing a RETAL of the late ACT in favour of Roman Catholics? — The admission-money will be devoted to the instruction of the poor scholars educated by Mr Shaw in the Charity School lately erected by the Society, for the relief of honest and industrious poor. Whatever way the question may be decided, the PANTHEON are prepared, Protestants of all denominations will agree in thinking, that one of the best defences against the prevalence of Popery is to train up poor children (whose parents are unable to give them a proper education) in Protestant principles.

Although the funds of the PANTHEON are appropriated to charitable purposes, yet the LADIES are never permitted to pay, except when a particular PUBLIC CHARITY is specified. And, on such occasions, they have always been forward to show their benevolence, the Society will not deprive them of that pleasure on the present.

Signed, by Order of the Society.

CHARLES KEITH, PRESIDENT.

JOHN PENNY, CLERK.

### NEW GARD'N SEEDS, &c.

JOSEPH ARCHIBALD, Chapel Street, Nicholson's Park, Edinburgh, has just got home a complete Assortment of GARDEN and FLOWER SEEDS, all good and fresh.

Also, a few Double and Single Italian TUBE-ROSES, Double and Single Roman POLYANTHUS, and NARCISSUS. He likewise sells great variety of Curious Plants, Garden Tools, Flower Pots, Flower Glaives, Paper, Quills, Ink, Wax-Waters, Birds Seeds and Glasse.

N. B. Fine Nosegays in Bunches.

WANTED to BORROW, upon personal or heritable security, immediately or at Whitsunday next, SIX HUNDRED POUNDS Sterling. — Apply to William Finlayson writer in Edinburgh.

### EAST INDIA REPOSITORY.

THE Proprietors having received a considerable addition to their stock of goods, are gratified, by their friends, to prolong their stay for a few weeks; and, being impeded, by their correspondence in London, to sell 10 per cent. lower than goods of equal quality can be purchased any where else, and they are determined, that, in giving pecuniary worth, none will exceed them, that they may show their gratitude to the Ladies and Gentlemen, for the numerous favours already received since they came to this place, and to infuse the confidence of them. The particulars being too numerous to be inserted in an advertisement, they must refer the Ladies to the bills to be had at the room, where constant fire is kept, and attendance given from ten to six in the evening every day.

Edinburgh, Feb. 3. 1780.

WHEREAS on the night of the 19th of last, the shop of GEORGE PIRRIE merchant in Luckenbooths in Edinburgh, was broke into by some person or persons, by forcing open a back window in the close adjoining to the shop and cell, with several articles, were stolen therefrom. And, on the night of the 21st January last, the shop of WILLIAM STARKE merchant in the Luckenbooths in Edinburgh, was broke into, by some person or persons picking the lock of the door and several articles stolen therefrom. And, on the night of the 20th January last, the shop of EDWARD INNES baker in Edinburgh was broke into, by some person or persons forcing up the back window of the same, and cell, with several other articles, stole from the same. And, on the night of the 29th and 30th of said month, the shop of DAVID BRIDGES merchant in Luckenbooths, was broke into, by some person or persons forcing open a back window in the bottom of the stair adjoining to the shop, and took from thence merchant goods of various kinds. — In order to obtain a discovery of the persons guilty, a reward of TWENTY GUINEAS is hereby offered to any person who, within two months from this date, shall produce or give information, so as any of the offenders may be apprehended or secured; and THIRTY GUINEAS more payable upon their conviction. And further, in case any person concerned in said shop-breaking, will inform of, or discover their accomplices, besides the above reward, every influence shall be used to obtain his pardon.

Information to be lodged at the Sheriff's Office, or with William Scott Procurator Fiscal of the Sheriff of Edinburgh, at his house, back of the Weigh-house.

WILLIAM SCOTT, Procurator Fiscal

To be LET, for such a number of years as may be agreed upon, and entered to at Whitsunday 1780.

THE MANSION-HOUSE of PITCAIRLY, with Garden, Office-houses, Farm-land, and about 150 acres of Ground, all inclosed and subdivided, lying within a mile of the port of Newburgh, in the parish thereof, and shire of Fife. The house is large and commodious, the ground-storey consisting of a kitchen, scullery, laundry, servants hall, two rooms for servants, milk-house, and three vaulted cellars; and the second storey, consisting of a dining-room 30 feet by 21; drawing-room 24 by 16; and 3 bed-rooms on that and the third storey, most of which have dressing-rooms off them, with closets and other conveniences. The offices are new and convenient, and situated at a small distance from the house. The inclosures, which have long been in the natural possession of the proprietor, are mostly in grass, and are all in excellent order; are well watered, and have good shades. The farm-land is at a proper distance from the house, and is very complete. If the farm is thought too large, a smaller quantity of ground will be let along with the house.

The premises are situated in a good neighbourhood, in the midst of a fine sporting country, and near several market towns.

The house will be let furnished or unfurnished; or, if the rackman inclines, he may have all or any part of the furniture at a valuation.

As aforesaid, to be LET, and entered to immediately, or at Martinmas 1780, the Farm of BASPER LUMBENNY, which is of good black soil, of large extent, and lies within a short mile of the port of Newburgh. The labouring of this farm is to far advanced, that the seed may be put in the ground as soon as the season will permit.

Proposals may be made to the proprietor, at the house of Pitcairly, by Falkland, or to James Thomson writer to the signet, Edinburgh.

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